1	2	3	4	5
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0.05	0.04	0.26	0.26
Daman and Diu	0.07	0.04	0.25	0.22
Delhi	0.28	0.22	20.08	20.17
Lakshadweep	0.02	0.02	0.07	0.02
Pondicherry	0.36	0.25	1.25	1.20

[English]

Supply of Foodgrains to J and K

2661 SHRI CHAMAN LAL GUPTA Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India (FCI) has declined to procure the foodgrains from the farmers of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the quantity and price of various kinds of foodgrains supplied to the private parties during each of the last three years and 1996-97 so far;

(d) the foodgrains damaged, missing and loss during transportation in Jammu and Kashmir and the value thereof;

(e) whether any inquiry has been conducted in this regard;

(f) if so, the result and the action taken thereon; and

(g) the reasons for increased supply of foodgrains to Jammu and Kashmir when the State has claimed big increase in the local production thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) (a) to (g) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

National Human Rights Commission

2662 SHRI MOHAN RAWALE Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether the National Human Rights Commission has made certain recommendtions on the police reforms in its annual report for 1995-96;

(b) if so, the details theroef; and

(c) the action taken by the Government on those recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (c) National Police Commission in its second report has inter-alia recommended separation of investigative wing of Police from that of law and order, etc. These recommendations have been forwarded to the State Governments for taking necessary follow-up action at their end as 'Police' is a subject matter within the jurisdiction of the State. The National Human Rights Commission has been interacting with the Government on the modalities of implementing the above and other measures to ensure greater accountability in policing.

Upgradation of Agricultural Infrastructure

2663 SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have decided to upgrade the agricultural infrastructure to facilitate agromarketing and food distribution system in various States/Mega cities;

(b) if so, the details of the policy formulated for developing terminal whole-sale markets outside each mega urban agglomerate to cater mainly to the demand for foodgrains, fresh preserved vegetables, fruits and flowers;

(c) the details of Central funds made available to the State Governments and financial pattern of the scheme; and

(d) the details of the proposals cleared/under consideration and availability of funds in each case for the current year, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) (a) Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment have informed that Agricultural Marketing is a State subject and the role of the Central Government is limited to render technical guidance and advice to the State Governments/Union Territories Administration for the preparation of Master Plans for the development of agricultural produce markets if asked for by the State Governments/Union Territories Administration. Further, majority of the States have their own State Agricultural Marketing Board to improve agricultural marketing infrastructure facilities in the States. At present, the Central Government does not have any schemes for upgradation of agricultural infrastructure to facilitate agricultural marketing and food distribution system in various States/Mega cities.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

[Translation]

Production of Fertilizers

2664 SHRI LALIT ORAON Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are committed for increasing the domestic production of fertilizers and decreasing their exports;

(b) whether the production of fertilizers has declined heavily during the earlier months of the current year;

(c) if so, whether the Government are exploring the possibilities of starting joint ventures with foreign countries in this field to supply fertilizers to farmers at reasonable rates; and

(d) if so, the main features of the plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) (a) The following measures have been taken to ensure development of the Indian fertilizer industry and optimum utilisation of its capacity :

(i) The domestic urea industry is supported through the retention price-cum-subsidy scheme.

(ii) Assistance is provided to the fertilizer industry for recurring linkages of feedstock, fuel and rail movement.

(iii) Liquid petroleum products used as feedstock and fuel in fertilizer plants are supplied at concessional price.

(iv) As a part of the Government's liberalisation policy, no industrial licence is now required for setting up a fertilizer plant.

(v) Investment in the fertilizer sector is encouraged, inter-alia through concessions on supplies of capital goods for the fertilizer industry in the form of import duty exemption and deemed export benefits, as well as interest rate concession on long term loans raised by fertilizer units.

(vi) The rate of special concession on indigenously manufactured DAP has been enhanced w.e.f. 6.7.1996 from Rs. 1000/- per tonne to Rs. 3000/- per tonne. Proportionate increase in the rate of concession has been allowed in respect of other complex fertilizers. In respect of SSP, the rate of special concession has been enhanced from Rs. 340/- per tonne to Rs. 500/-per tonne.

(b) During the period of April-October 1996, the production of nitrogen and phosphate fertilizers was 46.95 lakh MT and 13.89 lakh MT, respectively against the pro-rata target of 49.52 lakh MT of Nitrogen and 15.67 lakh MT of phosphate fertilizers.

(c) and (d). Due to constraints in the availability of gas, which is the preferred feedstock for the production of nitrogenous fertilizers, and the overwhelming dependence of the country on imported raw material for the production of phosphatic fertilizers, Government is encouraging Indian Companies to have joint venture production facilities, with buy-back arrangements, in other countries which have rich reserves of natural gas and rock phosphate. A joint venture project in Jordan to produce 2.24 lakh tonnes of phosphatic fertilizers per annum is expected to be commissioned by middle of 1997. A Memorandum of Understanding has also been signed between the Government of India/KRIBHCO/RCF and the Government of Sultanate of Oman/Oman Oil Company for setting up a joint venture in Oman for production of 14.5 lakh tonne of urea for which a Detailed Feasibility Report has been prepared. A pre-feasibility report for setting up of a joint venture nitrogenous fertilizer project in Iran is under finalisation.

[English]

Production of Lac

2665. SHRI BIR SINGH MAHATO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the annual production of lac in the country is decreasing during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details of production achieved so far against the target fixed, State-wise and the reasons for decrease in the production;

(c) whether any Central scheme has been formulated by the Government for the development of this agro-based industry, and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) The annual production during the last two years has not decreased compared with the average annual production from 1988 to 1993.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) (i) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research is implementing a plan scheme to support the Indian Lac Research Institute, Ranchi which is engaged in research on different aspects of Lac production and processing and imparting training and taking up front line demonstration. This Institute have developed a number of technologies for lac production, processing and utilisation, out of which 25 have been transferred. (ii) Institute of Forest Productivity under Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) is maintaining nucleus brood lac farms for supply of brood lac to the growers, besides imparting training, giving demonstrations and incentives for improved methods of cultivation.

[Translation]

Spastic Children

2666. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have set up institutes in various States for imparting training and education to the spastic children;